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FOR: Apparatus and Method of Preparation of Stable, Long Term Thrombin from Plasma and Thrombin Formed Thereby

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 (b)**

Sir:

The following patent reflects the state of the art of which applicants are currently aware. This reference is included to fulfill the applicants' duty to disclose the state of the art.

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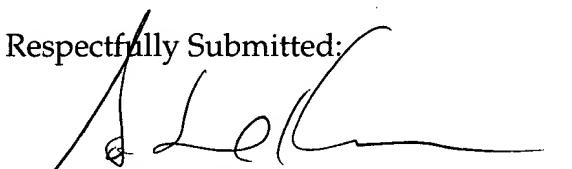
It is stipulated, however, that this reference does not teach singly, nor render obvious when combined, the nexus of this invention as disclosed and as particularly claimed.

**IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE
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This information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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